

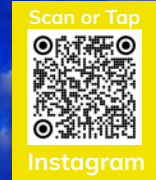


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THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Dates:

Upcoming Dates



From the Principal's Desk

Ms. Alexia Kunkle

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

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Mission:
Educate, Engage, and Empower military-connected students to succeed in a dynamic world.

Vision:
Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere.

School Hours:
Monday-Wednesday & Friday: 0745-1430
Thursday: 0745-1330

Track & Field Community Hours:
1730-0700



THE SPOTLIGHT

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**STUDENT
VISUAL
DESIGNS**

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BREAKFAST & LUNCH

<https://www.mynavyexchange.com/studentmealprogram/>

BREAKFAST:	FULL PRICE \$2.00	REDUCED: \$0.30
LUNCH:	FULL PRICE: \$3.75	REDUCED: \$0.40



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SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/SigonellaMHS>
INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/dodea.signellamhs.official/>
YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/@sig-tvsigonellamhs>



DoDEA/SMHS Testing

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Information

AAPPL (Foreign Language): MAY/JUN 2024

ACT (School Code #867630): 2 DEC 2023

AP Exams: 6-17 MAY 2024

ASVAB:
 7 NOV 2023
 11 MAR 2024
 15 MAY 2024

Beginning-of-Year (ELA): Various Dates

CCRS Summative: 22 -30 APR 2024

Middle-of-Year (ELA): Various Dates

NAEP (8th Grade): 29 FEB 2024

PSAT/NMSQT: 11 OCT 2023

SAT (11th & 12th Grade): 2 APR 2024

SAT (School Code #577100):
 2 DEC 2023
 9 MAR 2024
 4 MAY 2024

Accelerated Withdrawal

SEMESTER 1: 29 NOV 2023
SEMESTER 2: 8 MAY 2024

For students who PCS prior to the end of an academic semester, SMHS/DoDEA heavily suggests at LEAST ONE MONTH notice of expected early withdrawal. For more information, or to start the withdrawal process, please contact signellamhs.registrar@dodea.edu



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL

NOV 13-18 Creative Connections GRADE 9-12 • shawn.mccarthy@dodea.edu

Creative Connections is a six-day visual and performing arts symposium for talented high school students selected by application and audition. Instructors include experienced DoDEA teachers and contracted art and music specialists. Classes vary from year to year but often include drama, show choir, strings, dance, costuming, video production, drawing, mixed media, and watercolor. The week of intensive instruction challenges students to explore new creative avenues and refine their skills to the highest levels. The activity culminates with an exhibition of artwork followed by an evening performance. LIVE Stream: <https://youtube.com/@dodeaeuropecreativeconnections>

DEC 3-8 STEMposium • GRADE 9-11 • christine.arnold@dodea.edu

STEMposium is a weeklong experience in problem-solving and engineering and is designed to introduce selected DoDEA Europe students to a real-world engineering scenario that requires the application of science, technology, and math. Content area experts will present information, mentor, and provide hands-on, practical experiences targeted at solving a multi-faceted, relevant, and dynamic problem. The goal of the STEMposium is to use practicing researchers, scientists, and engineers to model 21st Century Skills such as team dynamics, problem-solving, complex communications, and systems thinking.

JAN 17-21 Model United Nations (MUN) • GRADE 10-12 • andrew.caro@dodea.edu

While Model United Nations is not a DoDEA-organized program, DoDEA-Europe does support high school attendance by funding travel for a small team from each of its high schools to attend MUN in Prague, the UK, or Turkey (whichever is geographically closest). At MUN, students typically roleplay delegates to the United Nations and simulate UN committees. MUN participation is managed by each of the three districts in DoDEA-Europe: East, South, and West. Participants in Model United Nations conferences, known as delegates, are placed in committees, and assigned countries to represent, or occasionally other organizations or political figures, where they represent members of that body. Delegates are assigned countries before the conference, along with receiving a topic, or topics, that their committee will discuss. They conduct research before conferences, formulate position papers and come up with policy proposals that they will then debate with their fellow delegates in the committee, staying true to the actual position of the country or organization they represent. At the end of a conference, the delegates will vote on written policies, called "draft resolutions", with the goal of passing them with a majority vote. Not centrally funded. Transportation only.

JAN 21-26 Jazz Festival GRADE 9-12 • britainy.lewis@dodea.edu

Jazz Festival is a six-day advanced performing arts symposium for motivated and talented high school students. The objectives of the Big Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble are to provide students with advanced instruction in jazz studies. The week of intense work culminates with performances. The Festival also contains a workshop component. The objective of the workshop is to increase capacity in jazz skills across DoDEA Europe. Students who do not feel ready to audition for the Big Band or Vocal Jazz Ensemble, but are interested in jazz studies, should apply for the workshop. This features world-renown jazz clinicians as well as DoDEA music teachers as staff. LIVE Stream: <https://www.facebook.com/DoDEAEuropeActivitiesAthletics>

JAN 29-FEB 3 Educator's Rising GRADE 9-12 • aaron.mundy@dodea.edu

Educators Rising provides a fun, interactive conference for students who are interested in careers in education. Leading educators from DoDEA and the United States present teaching and learning strategies in sessions of choice. Activities are geared to motivate and inspire aspiring educators. Schools must have a local Educators Rising Chapter to send a delegation to this event.

FEB 22-24 FIRST Tech Robotics Challenge (FCT) GRADE 9-12 • vickie.lewis@dodea.edu

FIRST Tech Challenge is an exciting and fun global robotics program that ignites an enthusiasm for science, technology, and discovery in young people. With a focus on STEM skills and concepts, the event teaches principles of leadership and how to work as a team. Student teams at FTC compete head-to-head in shifting alliances using robots designed, built, and programmed by team members. The robot kit is reusable year-to-year and is programmed using Java. Teams are required to develop strategies and build robots based on sound engineering principles and keep an engineering notebook detailing their work. Awards are given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments. LIVE Stream: <https://www.facebook.com/DoDEAEuropeActivitiesAthletics>

FEB 28-MAR 1 Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS) GRADE 9-12 • marsha.mccauley@dodea.edu

The Junior Science and Humanities Symposia (JSHS) Program is a tri-service (U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force) sponsored STEM competition which promotes original research and experimentation in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at the high school level and publicly recognizes students for outstanding achievement. By rewarding research excellence, JSHS aims to widen the pool of trained talent prepared to conduct research and development vital to our nation. Students work under supervision of a mentor, typically school-based, to develop and conduct their original research project for submission to the DoDEA-Europe Regional event held in Grol3-Gerau, Germany in March. The best projects from the Region are advanced to JSHS Nationals. Students and families bear no cost for participation in JSHS at any level. LIVE Stream: <https://www.jshseurope.org/>



REGIONAL ACTIVITIES & SMHS CLUBS

HIGH SCHOOL (con't.)

MAR 4-8 Model Senate (MUS) GRADES 9-12 • andrew.caro@dodea.edu

Model Senate is a unique simulation of the American congressional process in the United States Senate. High school students are assigned to play the roles of senators and other senior members of government where they enact legislation based on the platforms of their assigned lawmakers. Students come away from this event with hands on knowledge of current congressional topics and a unique perspective of the legislative process.

MAR 10-15 Honors Music Festival (HMF) GRADES 9-12 • britainy.lewis@dodea.edu

Approximately 70 instrumentalists and 80 vocalists are selected by blind audition for the opportunity to study and perform under the batons of two of America's finest conductors. After several days of intensive rehearsals, where a variety of band and choral literature is rehearsed, students perform an evening concert in the local community. LIVE Stream: <https://www.facebook.com/DoDEAEuropeActivitiesAthletics>

APR 16-19 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) GRADES 9-12 • shawn.mccarthy@dodea.edu

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students strive to develop personal and professional skills that will support their college and career aspirations. The Student Leadership Connection features seminars on public speaking, leadership techniques, organizational skills, ethics, education & career guidance, and research and analysis of business events. During the Conference, participants are engaged in competitions ranging from audio-visual presentations to web design. Students manage and present the conference sessions while representing their local chapters as state-level officers. An intensive businessstyle recruitment and interview process hires the new State FBLA Officers, who then begin the yearlong planning and development process for the next Student Leadership Connection.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEC 4-8 Junior Leadership Seminar (JLS) GRADES 7-8 • james.martin@dodea.edu

Junior Leadership Seminar is a 5-day event designed to prepare students to be leaders in an interdependent, global community by developing their strengths and skills. Students will actively participate in a variety of leadership skills-based themes: Listening Skills, Leadership Characteristics, Decision Making, Time Management, Goal Setting, Project Management, Advocacy, Fund Raising, Intercultural and Interpersonal Skills, and Team Building. Students will plan a service, spirit, or needs-based project and implement it upon return to their school.

MAR 12-14 MATHCOUNTS GRADES 6-8 • james.martin@dodea.edu

School sponsors coach middle school students in problem-solving and math skills for this national program. Students then compete as both teams and individuals at the School, Chapter, and State levels, with State finalists advancing to Nationals. First, second and third place team and individuals receive trophies.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Afterschool Study Hall	GRADE 6-12	Wednesdays @ 1500-1700	• michael.ataceri@dodea.edu
Art Club	GRADE 6-12	Tuesday & Thursday @ 1530-1730 (FEB 23)	• matt.mckown@dodea.edu
Drill & Color Guard	GRADE 8-12	Wednesdays @ 1500-1715	• timothy.curling@dodea.edu
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	GRADE 6-12	Wednesdays @ 1045-1135	• meaghan.panzer@dodea.edu
Student Council - HS	GRADE 9-12	Mondays @ 1100-1135	• jennifer.garcia@dodea.edu
Student Council - MS	GRADE 6-8	Wednesdays @ 1045-1135	• christine.arnold@dodea.edu
Marskmanship	GRADE 8-12	Tuesdays @ 1500-1715	• timothy.curling@dodea.edu
MS FIRST Robotics Club - FLL	GRADE 6-8	Mondays @ 1500-1700	• vickie.lewis@dodea.edu
National Honor Society	GRADE 9-12	Every Other Tuesday @ 1045-1135	• christine.arnold@dodea.edu
National Junior Honor Society	GRADE 6-8	Thursdays @ 1045-1135	• christine.arnold@dodea.edu
Student 2 Student (S2S)	GRADE 6-12	Thursdays @ 1045-1135	• vickie.lewis@dodea.edu



ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL

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BOYS' BASKETBALL	james.martin@dodea.edu	• Championships: FEB 14-17
BOYS' SOCCER	andrew.caro@dodea.edu	• Championships: MAY 20-23
BOYS' TENNIS	andrew.caro@dodea.edu	• Championships: OCT 19-20
BOYS' VOLLEYBALL	salvatore.iozzia@dodea.edu	• Championships: OCT 26-28
CHEERLEADING (FALL)	kendra.larocca@dodea.edu	
CHEERLEADING (WINTER)	kendra.larocca@dodea.edu	• Championships: FEB 14-17
CROSS COUNTRY	aaron.mundy@dodea.edu	• Championships: OCT 21
FOOTBALL	shannon.burcham@dodea.edu	• Championships: OCT 28
GIRLS' BASKETBALL	michelle.chandler@dodea.edu	• Championships: FEB 14-17
GIRLS' SOCCER	jennifer.garcia@dodea.edu	• Championships: MAY 20-23
GIRLS' TENNIS	andrew.caro@dodea.edu	• Championships: OCT 19-20
GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL	shawn.mccarthy@dodea.edu	• Championships: OCT 26-28
SOFTBALL	kendra.larocca@dodea.edu	• Championships: MAY 22-24
SWIMMING (SWORDFISH)	sigswordfish.secretary@gmail.com	• Various
TRACK & FIELD	shannon.burcham@dodea.edu	• Championships: MAY 23-24
WRESTLING	luis.caballero@dodea.edu	• Sectionals: FEB 3
		• Championships: FEB 8-10

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CROSS COUNTRY (Grade 8)	aaron.mundy@dodea.edu	• Home competitions only
SWIMMING (SWORDFISH)	sigswordfish.secretary@gmail.com	• Various
TRACK & FIELD (Grade 8)	shannon.burcham@dodea.edu	• Home competitions only
WRESTLING (Grade 8)	luis.caballero@dodea.edu	• Home competitions only

Championships LIVE Stream: <https://www.facebook.com/DoDEAEuropeActivitiesAthletics>

Home Competition LIVE Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/@sig-tvsigonellamshs/streams>

The following forms MUST be on file to participate in extracurricular athletics at Sigonella MHS.
<https://sites.google.com/student.dodea.edu/sigathletics/home>

- 1) Sports Physical Form
- 2) Risk of Injury Form
- 3) Supplemental Medical Form
- 4) Drugs and Alcohol Form
- 5) Parent Commitment Form
- 6) 19-year-old Athlete Form (if applicable)





ATHLETICS CALENDAR

HIGH SCHOOL

SWIMMING (MS/HS)



MONTHLY CALENDAR

DoDEA Europe Future Calendars: <https://www.dodea.edu/regional-calendars>



SIGONELLA MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL YEAR 2023 - 2024



AUGUST							IMPORTANT DATES							JANUARY										
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	August 14	All Teachers Report to Duty	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	August 14-18	Teacher Work Week	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	★ August 18	New Student Orientation 0800-1200 parents attend 0800-0930	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	August 21	School Begins-ALL Classes	September 4	Labor Day- Federal Holiday-No School	28	29	30	31				28	29	30	31			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	September 7	Open House 1700-1900	September 15	Teacher Training -1100 Early Dismissal	10A's 10B's													
27	28	29	30	31			September 19	Teacher Training -1100 Early Dismissal	FEBRUARY															
4 A's 4B's							September 19	Teacher Training -1100 Early Dismissal	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	FEBRUARY								
SEPTEMBER							October 6	Teacher Training - No School for Students	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	FEBRUARY							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	October 9	Columbus Day - Federal Holiday-No School	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	FEBRUARY								
					1	2	October 19	End of First Quarter	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	FEBRUARY								
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	October 20	Teacher Work Day - No School for Students	25	26	27	28	29			FEBRUARY								
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	October 27	Parent/Teacher Conf.-No School for Students	9A's	9B's	MARCH													
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	November 7	Teacher Training - 1100 Early Dismissal	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	MARCH								
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	November 8	Teacher Training - 1100 Early Dismissal	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	MARCH								
10A's 10B's							November 10	Veteran's Day - Federal Holiday-No School	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	MARCH								
OCTOBER							November 23-24	Fall Break - No School	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	MARCH								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	December 8	Teacher Training-No School for Students	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	MARCH								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	December 18-29	Winter Break - No School	31							MARCH								
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	January 1	New Year's - Federal Holiday-No School	8A's 7B's															
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	January 2	Instruction Resumes	APRIL															
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	January 8-11	First Semester Finals	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	APRIL								
29	30	31					January 11	End of Second Quarter/Semester 1	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	APRIL								
9A's 9B's							January 12	Teacher Workday - No School for Students	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	APRIL								
NOVEMBER							January 15	MLK Jr. Day - Federal Holiday-No School	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	APRIL								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	January 16	Second Semester Begins	28	29	30					APRIL								
			1	2	3	4	January 22	Teacher Training - 1100 Early Dismissal	MAY															
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	February 19	President's Day - Federal Holiday-No School	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	MAY								
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	February 20	Teacher Training - No School for Students	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	MAY								
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	March 11	Teacher Training - 1100 Early Dismissal	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	MAY								
26	27	28	29	30			March 21	End of Third Quarter	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	MAY								
10A's 9B's							March 22	Teacher Work Day-No School for Students	28	29	30					MAY								
DECEMBER							March 25-29	Spring Break-No School	MAY															
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	April 1	Teacher Training - No School for Students	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	MAY								
					1	2	May 15	Teacher Training - 1100 Early Dismissal	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	MAY								
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	May 27	Memorial Day-Federal Holiday-No School	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	MAY								
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	May 30-June 4	Second Semester Finals	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	MAY								
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	June 5	Last Day of School - 1100 Dismissal	26	27	28	29	30	31		MAY								
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	June 6	Teacher Work Day - No School for Students	MAY															
31							Important ****1330 Dismissal Every Thursday	MAY																
5A's 5B's							SY 23-24 Assessments							JUNE										
KEY							PSAT/NMSQT	Testing Window Oct 1-Oct 31 TBD	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	JUNE								
88 A Days 87 B Days							SAT	7 Oct/ 2 Dec/ 9 Mar/ 4 May	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	JUNE								
Exam Days							ACT	9-Dec	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	JUNE								
Student Non-Attendance							AP Testing	6-10 May & 13-17 May	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	JUNE								
School Holiday							ASVAB	TBD	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	JUNE								
Thursday Dismissal 1330							Accelerated Withdrawal							JUNE										
Half Day Dismissal 1100							Semester 1	29-Nov	30							JUNE								
							Semester 2	8-May	2A's 1B															